Life Week Celebration To Be Attempted

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BOARD EXPLAINS PROPOSALS VEXES TEACHERS, PARENTS

Marple Newtown Education Association (MNEA) ratified a three-year teaching contract which includes an increase in salary, fringe benefits, and supplemental contracts.

The formula for the 1975-76 salary change is computed by multiplying the 1974-75 salary figure times one half the annual percentage change in the consumers price index plus a $500 to a maximum salary increase of 12%.

Although the vote in favor was not unanimous, the contract proposals by the school board allegedly satisfied the demands of a majority of teachers.

Religious leaders and parents in the community provided pressure which caused the board to act earlier, according to Miriam Bedein, faculty news correspondent for the strike.

Salary negotiations were a controversial topic in a question and answers forum at a school board meeting on September 28. Teachers booed and coughed as Board Chairman Henry A. Clay clarified the issues, showing discrepancies in nounce whether or not school would remain open if teachers staged a walk-out.

The Board Finance Committee released figures which indicate the range for annual salary of MN teachers to be from 7,700 to 17,000 dollars. Assistant Superintendent Vincent J. Sauers justified that 11,102 dollars is the average annual salary.

In addition to the contract talks, Clay announced the resignation of Curriculum Committee Chairman Guisto B. Pizzino from the board.

No school board member ever said, "Go ahead and strike. We can break it" according to Clay.

The Marple Newtown Education Association (MNEA) submitted a 21-page January 10, Clay says.

Salary proposals were expanded on January 24. Collective bargaining on fringe benefits was continued at 21 subsequent meetings. Francis H. Quinn was appointed by the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board to attend meetings.

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Picketing teachers close Marple Newtown schools during four day strike.

Shapp Declares Ecology Week

Pennsylvania's social, spiritual, and economic heritage rests directly on our natural and human resources.

Steadily increasing human population pressures and the many activities incompatible with ecological balances necessitate that all citizens understand that we are part of a finite earth that consists of people, their culture and human created systems.

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Council Proposes Clubs Period, Life Week

Institution of a clubs period was suggested to Principal William C. Capriotti at the first meeting of the Student Advisory Council on September 20.

Students might be able to attend the activities of their choice during an all-school clubs period every two weeks, according to Student Council President Joe Noce.

Capriotti said he favored the idea but questioned what will happen to the students who are always bored in school. Council

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DRACULA TO TERRIFY VIEWERS

Dracula, the Gothic melodrama, will turn stomachs as Marple Newtown's first theatrical production this year, according to production workers.

"We are doing the play very seriously," Director Sue Daly says. "Nothing comic whatsoever."

Elaborate Gothic costumes, a complex revolving set, and special effects will contribute to the frightening atmosphere.

Producer Jim Roddy says Dracula will be as realistic and threatening as possible. Ms. Daly, who has worked with six other productions here in the past, will be assisted by Leslie Austin and Jonri Bilyi.

Dracula is unusually demanding, requiring much creativity and enthusiasm, according to Ms. Daly. The stage crew is apparently working well.

MANY TESTS ON ONE DAY

Friday seems to be a favorite day for tests. It is not uncommon for a student to have tests in three or four majors on one day.

Since tests are a major part of evaluation in any course, conscientious students strive for the best possible grade. Often, when sitting down to study for tests, a student will find himself allotting inadequate amounts of his limited time for studying each subject because he has too many tests.

Consequently, one or all of his grades will suffer, thereby giving a poor evaluation of the student's progress.

If the tests given do not provide concise evaluations of a person's achievements, what good are they? Such inadequate testing procedures only serve to discourage the student.

One method that has worked in allowing the student flexibility in choosing test days is the self-paced science program. Students may take tests when they believe they have had time to study the material adequately.

Unfortunately, neither all courses nor all students adapt easily to the independent study atmosphere.

If each department was assigned one day of the week on which to administer tests, much of the pressure on students would be relieved. Students would only have one test to study for each night. If teachers kept to their allotted test day, perhaps they would notice an improvement in grades and the students' knowledge of the subject.

Mary Wesoski

letters...

Hockey Players Selected Fairly

Dear Editor:

There seems to be a great deal of misinformation circulating about the selection of the 1974 varsity and junior varsity hockey teams. An open and accurate explanation of procedure seems in order.

Last spring, fourteen girls were selected to go to Eastern Hockey Camp in Valley Forge on the basis of their skill and performance during the 1973 season. The number was held to fourteen because of a limited enrollment set by the camp. Other players were given the opportunity to attend Friends Central Hockey Camp, although several of them declined.

This fall, try-outs were held during the first four days of school. All participants were observed both in drills and in game. Both coaches watched all girls and made selections on the basis of proficiency in stick-work technique, game sense, and general attitude. Girls were notified on September 10 of the team selections.

Marple Newtown students are fortunate in having four hockey teams, which afford all girls the opportunity to practice daily and compete in interscholastic games. Any girl not selected for varsity or junior varsity is placed on third or fourth teams; no one is cut from the squad. Ms. Debbie Bonder, a capable and dedicated coach is in charge of the third and fourth teams.

In response to questions posed regarding several girls who either quit after teams were selected or who did not choose to return to the team this year, I can only offer the following remarks.

When one sets a goal for oneself and fails to achieve that goal, three alternatives are open: try harder to achieve the original goal; re-evaluate one's abilities and establish a new goal; walk away from the entire situation with any number of possible positive or negative feelings.

If one's measure of success centers upon whether or not she is selected for varsity or junior-varsity, not being selected must be viewed as failure. It follows that one can try to improve her skill and game knowledge at third and fourth team levels in hope of later being moved to varsity or junior-varsity (which, by the way, has happened in the past!), find satisfaction on third or fourth teams or quit.

Now, if questions still remain about a girl quitting or failing to return to the squad this year, perhaps that girl should be asked for an honest answer.

Cheryl Madigan
Varsity Hockey Coach

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OPINION-

No $20 Prom Tickets Without Help

For this year's prom, the class of '76 is considering hiring professional entertainment, including a show band and a stage band. Sounds great, doesn't it?

However, the class says the prom tickets will not cost more than $20. How can this gala affair be made successful- only through cooperation.

This means that not only should the juniors support such class fund-raisers as the oncoming magazine drive, but inspired class members should urge their representative into action. (possibly by suggesting novel fund-raisers so the whole school will want to participate)

It is already weeks into school, and while some ideas are being tossed about in council, very little definite action has been taken.

If the cost of the junior prom is not enough to stir up some involvement, consider the even more expensive senior prom for next year.

Linda Endres

THE STAFF

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NEWS IN BRIEF

MN Receives $500

Marple Newtown has received $500 for student initiated programs as part of the Spirit of '76 Community Involvement Grants Program.

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Congratulations to Boy of the month: Peter Bartlett; Girl of the month: Susan Graboyes; and Student of the month: Sherri McCandless.

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Congratulations to the new parents on the MN teaching staff: Mrs. Charrington and Amy Beth, 3½ months; Mrs. Wood and Aaron Ross, 1½ months; and to Mr. and Dr. Chalker who have legally adopted 5 week old Daniel Christopher.

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Although no teachers have yet been appointed as faculty advisors to the year book staff, Roger Demos and John Mitchell are directing staff activities.

Charles Alfieri Appointed To District Post Designs Curriculum; Hires New Teachers

Charles Alfieri, assistant to the superintendent for curriculum, instruction and personnel, has been added to the district staff. Because he feels the quality of teacher-student relationships determines the quality of school life, Alfieri says he works in all areas of the learning process.

Constructing the school curriculum for the district involves course designing and objectives. Instruction deals with implementing these plans.

Alfieri is also responsible for hiring new teachers. He reviews their academic preparation, recommendations, and personally interviews all candidates.

Formerly, Alfieri spent two years as principal of Brown Elementary School, but now his duties concern every student in the MN school district.

Alfieri is beginning work on a 5-year curriculum plan and an effective method to evaluate it.

Environmental Education Week

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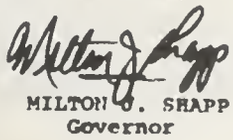
If we are to create and sustain a healthier environment for years to come, it is urgent that the schools of the Commonwealth develop an environmental education program that is totally interdisciplinary.

The ultimate goal of this program is to provide students with experiences which will result in an informed citizenry armed with facts, skills and attitudes necessary to maintain an environment fit for quality living.

Therefore, I, Milton J. Shapp, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim the week of October 13-19, 1974, as ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK in Pennsylvania, and call upon student, parent, teacher, administrator, school board member, the Department of Education, all other state agencies and every citizen of the Commonwealth to do their utmost to accomplish the establishment and development of a program of environmental education in our schools.



MILTON J. SHAPP
Governor

District Choir To Perform Here

Marple Newtown will host District Choir, February 20, 21, and 22. The Choir will include outstanding voices from 29 schools, conducted by Mr. Gail Poch.

Area choir members will house and entertain the visitors for three days. The concert program on February 22, includes "Naine Seira" by Pinkman. The Marple Newtown Choir will perform the Gilbert and Sullivan comical operetta, "Trial by Jury," on February 21.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

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attendants suggested that the gyms and athletic fields be opened to these students. They also asked that films be shown in the auditorium.

Attendants asked that last year's "Celebrate Life Day" program be extended to one week this year. Capriotti says he favors a week-long program if students are willing to schedule enough activities.

Noce says the advisory council is willing to sign instructors, speakers, and performers for the entire week. "I'll get student council people working too," he adds.

Capriotti says attendance will be enforced since "Celebrate Life Week" would be a part of each student's academic record.

The October meeting of the Student Advisory Council will be centered totally on curriculum changes, according to Noce. At that meeting, Noce will begin his program- campaign for better arts education here. Capriotti says he will stress action, not talk.

Students attending the first meeting of the Student Advisory Council also include Senior Class President Mike Schafer, Junior Class President Mark Orlando, Sophomore Representative Karen Alston, Vo-Tech Representative Rick Long, Ray Baxter, Steve Douglas, Betsy Guralnick, Gail Rudolph, Sharon Smith, Robin Bower, Bill Loeliger, and Ken Doyle.

School Board

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MN School Board. Pizzino has served since 1969 and says he resigned to pursue his new commissionership.

The Physical Assets Committee approved the request by the MN Joint Recreation Committee to use the MN Junior High School football field for a Kick, Pass and Punt Tournament. The tournament will run from 1 p.m. till 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 6.

The board approved the request of the Legislative Committee that MN ask the federal government to dissolve Daylight Savings times in Pennsylvania during the months of November, December, January, and February.

The request would reflect the concern for the safety and welfare of young children in the community who must walk to school in the dark morning hours, according to the Legislative Committee.

The Long Range Planning Committee of the board was established to examine the problems of declining enrollment in school. Sanner says enrollment is down 212 students this year.

Clay announced the unanimous approval of the resignations of Nancy Zirkle, Shelia Eremus and the financial manager, Dr. Willa.

Marple Grade School P.T.O. President Richard Doyle supported the request of the MN Ice Hockey Team that immediate action be taken by the board on allocating a grant to the team. Team players and their families attended the meeting.

District P.T.O. Presidents will meet here with administrators to discuss changes in district policies on October 17. The next public meeting of The MN School Board will be at Marple Grade School on October 21 at 8 p.m.

The Favorite Game

CREATIVE CLASS CUTTING

This year the administration made it 900% harder for students to play their favorite game. So, to help them out we present this article.

To play "cutting" the student must simply not show up for school. That is the easy part. The hard part is trying to think up an excuse that sounds legitimate, logical, truthful, and is a lie. The last item is important because the administration rarely considers the truth legitimate. For example, the following are not legitimate excuses:

"I was out getting wasted."

"School's a bore and I didn't feel like coming."

"I slept all day."

Therefore, it is recommended that the following be used as excuses. These have been tested and found to be quite effective.

"I had a mild case of neuro-chronosis." For this excuse, it is recommended that one does not mention that neuro-chronosis is always fatal.

"My brother died." this one cannot be used more times than the potential excusee has brothers. However, many substitutions for the word "brother" can be used, such as "sister," "aunt," "uncle," "grandmother," "cocker spaniel," "butcher," "baker," "candlestick maker," and hundreds more. This is a flexible excuse because it can be used so many times when the second word is changed. Of course, the administration may begin to think that the town is being hit by an epidemic of neuro-chronosis.

"It was a Jewish holiday." (Not available to people named Pietrogiovanni.)

"We went on a trip to the Parakeet Islands." (It is best not to mention that the Parakeet Islands sunk into the ocean last week.)

It is also important to know which excuses not to use. A student who failed to come to school on Lincoln's Birthday claimed that he was Lincoln. A couple of weeks ago, someone claimed he was snowed into his house. Another student claimed that his house was under quarantine for distemper. And last May 20, a student declared, "I was at the Flyers parade." But apparently his administrator of Boston High School did not believe him and he was suspended.

Capriotti Decides Class Rank

Information about class rank has been unavailable to seniors since June.

Problems began when independent science grades were lost and report cards came out late. Mr. Capriotti used this extra time to update and correct all class records before sending this information to the new company. After seven days he found 45 pages of corrections containing 15 items each.

M.A.C.S., Management and Computer Services received the corrected material the first week in August. Class ranks and science grades were promised before school started, Mr. Capriotti says.

Mr. Capriotti called M.A.C.S. a number of times for six weeks and was promised the completed ranks for the following days each time. Mr. Capriotti informed the vice-president of M.A.C.S. that their company need not compute the ranks.

Mr. Capriotti spent September 21-24 computing each senior's rank by hand. M.A.C.S. sent its finished copy to MN on Tuesday, Sept. 24. Mr. Capriotti will use his computations to verify the one from M.A.C.S.

Juniors Plan Prom, Dance

Junior Class President Mark Orlando recently announced that the Junior Prom will be held at the Valley Forge Hilton on Fridaym May 16.

Fund raising events will be discussed during an assembly on October 3, and a Reader's Digest representative will offer juniors a chance to sell magazine subscriptions.

Prom tickets will cost $20.00 or less per couple, depending on the success of fundraising activities this year. Professional entertainment will include two different bands.

Juniors are also planning an October dance, according to Orlando. Proposed themes include the class of '76 welcoming the class of '77.

Newtown Police Reject Appeal By Capriotti For Guard

Marple Newtown Senior High School will not employ a security guard, according to Mr. Capriotti.

In a recent interview, Mr. Capriotti disclosed that there was an appeal made to police that a security guard be posted outside the building to restrict trespassers from entrance while school is in session.

It was apparent that too many outsiders, Delaware County Community College students, and alumni were coming into the school and disrupting classes.

Mr. Capriotti says he will ask again next year as he still feels a guard is necessary.

J.V. Hockey Team Stifles Lansdown

Marple Newtown's J.V. hockey team started their '74-'75 season blanking Lansdown 4-0. Defeat came in their second game as the Tigresses lost 2-1 to Hargrove. They came back against Lower Providence to win 5-0.

Coach Madigan is very optimistic about the J.V.'s season.

"If everyone plays to their ability, we can't lose," says Miss Madigan.

Off The Tiger's Desk

Welcome to the Cooty Test Series. This series is designed to analyze your answers to questions on the test and decide for you what career would be best for you, despite any other interests you might have. Depending on your IQ level (how smart you are), this test should take either a minute and a half or six days to complete.

PART I--Identification:

a. Name (what they call you): _____

b. Address (where you live): _____

c. Age (how many years old you are): _____

d. Sex (need we explain?): _____ male
_____ female
_____as often as possible

e. School: ___ regular
___ grade
___ reform
sentence: ___ to ____

f. Name Grid: AAAAAAAA
BBBBBBBB
XXXXXXXX
DKDKIRUC
HOHOHOHO
PLPLPLPL
YAAAAHHH

PART II--Arethmt..er..Aeretht mtk..er..Eatrhmtx...er... Numbers

instructions: Do the problems.

1. 6=2+x x=
   a. 50 quillion
   b. 400
   c. 12
   d. not enough information given
2. If a=7, b=r, m=8 and q=0, how old is Frank?
   a. 16
   b. 3.14159
   c. 18, but passing for 21 with fake I.D.
3. 2+2=
   a. true
   b. eleventy-si-
   c. input error
   d. then there's one about the old man who. . .

The following chart is to be used for questions 4 and 5.

Bob: -4 1/2
Tim: queer
Mary: $50/trick
Joe: 78

4. How old is John?
5. Plot a time vs. distance graph using base five Roman numerals.

PART III-PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. Do you consider yourself interesting?
   ___yes
   ___no zzzzzzzzz
2. Which of the following careers would you like to pursue?
   a. Corpse-dresser in a funeral home
   b. Trash-truck pilot
   c. Janitor in the Taj Mahal
   d. String tightener in a harp factory
3. Which of the following careers least interests you?
   a. Noodle-straightener
   b. Mugger
   c. Electric pencil-sharpener operator
   d. Envelope-licker in a big factory
4. Which of the following subjects least interests you?
   a. Name something
   b. Math
   c. Math
   d. Math
5. Which of the following adjectives best describes you?
   a. stupid
   b. extremely stupid
6. Generally, do you:
   a. walk faster than other people
   b. eat raw carrots
7. Would you rather:
   a. take another test like this one
   b. kill the dudes who made up the thing
8. Generally, do you:
   a. walk up stairs twelve at a time
   b. prefer sheer stockings
9. Would you rather:
   a. live with a rooster
   b. play professional tiddly-winks
10. Would you rather:
    a. be Richard Nixon's best friend
    b. jump off the Brooklyn Bridge

DEAR TIGER:

The Public Voice

Dear Tiger:

Ten Days To Die by Michael Musmanno;

Dracula by Bram Stoker;

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane;

M*A*S*H by Richard Hooker;

Chariots of the Gods? by Erich von Daniken;

The Nazi and the Barber by Edgar Hilsenrath

-Philadelphia Public Library

Dear Tiger;

Ooopps!! I forgot to push the shift key down when I typed that semicolon. It's supposed to be a colon. Boy, was that dumb.

-Cenobite L. Proviso

Dear Tiger:

Aluminum Chlorhydrate and aluminum chloride. Contains no hexachloraphene.

-Ultra Ban 5000

Dear Tiger:

Hey, are you sure this isn't a taxi stand? I've been here twice already, thinking this was a taxi stand. You should take down that sign in the window that says, "No Parking-Taxi Stand."

-Zoot P. Suit

Dear Tiger:

Hey-nonny-ding-dong, a-lang-a-lang-a-lang, boom-bah-doh, bah-doo-bah-doo-bah-day.

-The Crewcuts; 1954

Students Get More Sleep Now

Yes folks, that's right. Students must now arise earlier to get to school on time. Going to school earlier is proving detrimental to many students' work. Under the old schedule, after a fitful six hours of sleep, the average student would normally sleep through his/or her first two periods waking only to pass through the halls. Now, under the new schedule, the student will sleep clear through to lunch, and if he's smart straight through lunch. Due to the earlier opening, band instruments and Mr. McGriff will have to be made luminous so they can be seen in the dark.

Worse than going to school early is coming home early. There will be time for such sordid activities as cutting the lawn, working and heaven forbid; homework. What's more, cartoons don't come on till four o'clock.

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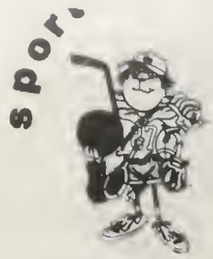

Lions Trounce Tigers 33-14

It was built up to be a tremendous offense show, but only Cardinal O'Hara lived up to their half of the billing as the defending city champs trounced the MN Tigers 33-14.

O'Hara threw only two passes during the entire game, but their ground game led by Narcisse and Clenet was enough to baffle the Marple defense.

O'Hara led 13-0 at the half. The Tigers under Pete Bartlett showed flashes of brilliance but could not muster a sustained drive until the end of the half.

As promised Marple threw early and often even though Bartlett lacked consistency. The porous offensive line gave Bartlett little time and let the Lion defense pressure him the entire game.

Mike Hanacek's fumble of a punt was a key play and set up one of O'Hara's TD's. The Tiger's lost a chance to score at the end of the half when Bartlett could not locate Scott McDonald in the end zone on a few plays.

Led by Bartlett and running back Burke Maze, the Tigers began the second half by putting together a beautifully sustained drive Maze took it in and the Tigers put 6 points on the scoreboard. Mike Miller's extra point just missed, bouncing off the left post.

MN Tiger Burke Maze plows through Lion defense to score touchdown.

The Tiger defense led by sophomore Chris Kelley and juniors Russ Breslin and Steve Videon became fired up for the second half. They forced a fumble by O'Hara which the Tigers recovered.

The Tigers moved the ball downfield until they were finally stopped at the O'Hara 35 where they faced an obvious fourth down punting situation. It was the fourth and 20 with 4:47 seconds left in the third quarter. Coach Kenig elected to gamble and try for the first down. The gamble backfired and Bartlett was intercepted. O'Hara scored a few plays later.

The game was put to rest when Narcisse rambled 75 yards around the right side to make it 27-6. A recovery and a return of a Tiger fumble made it 33-6. The Tigers made the score 33-14 when Glenn Thiel caught a TD pass from Bartlett.

CENTRAL LEAGUE COMPETITION FACES RUNNERS

The MN Cross Country team opened their '74 season with a non-league tie with Harriton. The small, but strong MN team, then went on to beat the larger Nether Providence team by a score of 27-28. (Lower scores win in Cross Country)

MN, probably the smallest team in the Central League, then in succession, lost to Haverford and Upper Darby.

Led by home course record breaker Jim Clelland, the Tigers then walloped Lower Merion, but lost to a fast and large Springfield squad in a three-way meet.

The Tigers Home course is the Rose Tree Hunt Club. Bruce Reminger and Steve Hamilton are the co-captains. The Cross Country team has one more home meet on their 2.7 mile course, and one more away meet, both trimeets. Then, they'll be off for the Central League Championship and the District I meet.

SOCCER TAKES SUN VALLEY

MN's Varsity Soccer team upped their record to 3-1, defeating Sun Valley 3-1, in a non-league game, under the lights. Peter Forstner tallied two MN goals. One was unassisted, and the other was assisted by Scott Borbidge. The roles then switched with Borbidge netting the goal and Forstner assisting. MN had 13 shots on goal to Sun Valley's 11.

The J.V. Booters broke their two game losing streak blanking Sun Valley 2-0. Jon Robbins (assist-Charles Armstrong) and Paul Brossman (unassisted) were the MN goalgetters. Excellent netminding by Chuck Podaras and Jay Irwin kept the Tigers in command throughout the game.

The MN Varsity Booters put forth a good offensive effort on September 24, but it was not strong enough to penetrate Brandywine's defense. The scrimmage ended in a 0-0 deadlock.

Without the excellent net-minding of varsity goalie Pete "radical" Johnson, the MN varsity Booters would not have shut-out Conestoga 1-0. Johnson prevented what could have been a runaway of Pioneer points, diverting thirteen shots on goal.

The first half ended in a 0-0 deadlock. MN's winning goal came in the second half when Scott Borbidge netted a Doug Fell penalty kick.

The Junior Varsity's nine shots on Conestoga's goal could not penetrate their strong defense. The game ended 1-0 in favor of the Pioneers.

J.V. Tigers Fall To O'Hara Speed

Size and speed helped the Cardinal O'Hara J.V. football team defeat Marple Newtown's J.V. team, 24-8.

The Cardinal O'Hara quarterback ran for a touchdown on the second play from scrimmage after MN kicked off. The Lions ran in the two point conversion. Play see-sawed back and forth until the Lions scored on a run following a long punt return. O'Hara scored the two point conversion to take a 16-0 lead.

The second half began with some controversial penalties that fired up the MN defense. Dan Peterson intercepted a Lion pass which eventually led to a Drew Roulston to Jim Devlin scoring pass. This changed the score to 16-8 in favor of the Lions.

A long touchdown run and conversion finalized the score at 24-8. Even though they lost, the team played well in a difficult first test.